



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 26, 1996

Marc E. Elias, Esquire
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607 14th Street, NW
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re: MUR 4516
Your Clients: *Close for U.S. Senate; The
Kerry Committee and William Elsbree,
Treasurer; and Houston Gordon for
Senate and Charles W. Bone, Treasurer*

Dear Mr. Elias:

It was a pleasure speaking with you today relative to the above-captioned matter. This also constitutes our response to your letter of November 20, 1996, requesting an extension of time in which to respond to the complaint filed in connection with the above-captioned Matter Under Review.

Although your request is not timely, having been filed long after the original due date contained in our notification, your request is approved based upon the unique circumstances of this unusually complex case and in recognition of the fact that you are representing numerous other respondents in this matter. Your response will be due no later than the close of business on Friday, December 6, 1996.

As discussed, we did not identify Houston Gordon as a respondent in his individual capacity in this complaint. Thank you for confirming today that you represent "Houston Gordon for Senate" in this MUR. Your submission of a corrected *Statement of Designation of Counsel* at your earliest convenience would be most appreciated.

Also per our discussion, we noted that Houston Gordon for Senate also retained Attorney Jon E. Hastings as co-counsel for this MUR. Per your direction, we will forward all correspondence on this MUR to your office, obviating the need for us to send separate correspondence to Mr. Hastings.

Many thanks for your consideration. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact Ms. Alva Smith of my staff at (202) 219-3690.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Andrew Tarley", is written over the typed name.

F. Andrew Tarley
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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